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SUBJECT:GAO SURVEY: "POPULATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS"

- 1. OVER PAST SEVERAL MONTHS GAO WASHINGTON HAS BEEN STUDY-ING POPULATION AND FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMS IN THE DEPT., AID/W, PLUS VISITS TO USUN FOR DISCUSSIONS ON RELATED UNDP AND UNFPA MATTERS. GAO NOW CONDUCTING SURVEY IN OVERSEAS AREAS AT ACCRA AND ISLAMABAD, OBTAINING INFORMATION ON POPULATION AND CERTAIN SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS THAT ARE AFFECTED BY POPULATION GROWTH RATE. PURPOSE OF GAO SURVEY IS TO OBTAIN "ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS NEEDED FOR CONSIDERATION BY CONGRESS RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATION FOR POPULATION AND FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMS".
- 2. GAO ADVISED DEPARTMENT ONLY TODAY OF ITS PLAN TO EXTEND SURVEY TO TAIWAN TO OBTAIN FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON POPULA-UNCLASSIFIED

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TION RELATED PROGRAMS IN A COUNTRY SUCCESSFUL IN ACCOMPLISH-

ING REDUCTION OR MODERATION OF ITS POPULATION GROWTH RATE: (1) FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO REDUCING POPULATION GROWTH RATE; (2) ADEQUACY OF DEMOGRAPHIC DATA AND HOW OBTAINED; (3) HOW FAMILY PLANNING IS EVALUATED; (4) TYPE RESEARCH STUDIES MADE; (5) EFFORTS TO INTERRELATE POPULATION AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROGRAMS.

- 3. GAO AUDITORS BANGKOK BRANCH WILL CONDUCT STUDY O/A MIDAPRIL FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS. GAO BRANCH DIRECTOR WIL FURNISH EMBASSY WITH NAMES, SECURITY CLEARANCES OF AUDITORS AND THEIR ACTUAL ARRIVAL DATE. GAO AWARE THAT APPOINTMENTS OR CONTACTS WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE AT DISCRETION OF AMBASSADOR, AND WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS.
- 4. DEPARTMENT WISHES TO BE FORTHCOMING AND COOPERATE WITH THE GAO ON SUBJECT SURVEY WITHIN THE PROVISIONS OF 4 FAM 930-934. QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS ARISING DURING COURSE OF SURVEY SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT. KISSINGER

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